THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) No Statewise record regarding the number of security and police personnel killed in landmine blasts, is maintained by the Central Government. However, the Government of India and the concerned State Governments continuously review the situation arising out of militancy, terrorism, insurgency and extremist activities.

In order to tackle cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, Government of India has implemented an action plan. For neutralising militancy/terrorism in the North-East various steps including deployment of CPMFs and Army, improved coordination and intelligence sharing between security forces, modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces etc. have been undertaken.

For effectively countering Left Wing Extremism, the affected States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa were requested to prepare integrated action plans encompassing the development as well as security aspects of the problem for the affected areas. The States have also been advised to take vigorous follow-up action. The Government of India has also set up a coordination centre headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the States affected by Left Wing Extremism, as its members, to review steps taken to check the Left Wing Extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each state etc.

In addition, in order to minimise attacks due to landmine and/or IED blasts on security forces/police personnel/civilians, steps such as deployment of road opening parties, use of metal detectors, mine protected vehicles etc. are being taken.

Constitution of Jute Commission

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SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1520 given in Rajya Sabha on 15th December 1999 and state:

(a) whether government had constituted a commission to go into the affair of jute industry; and

(b) if so, the terms of reference of the commission and its composition?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.